REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections:

Claim 15 has been objected to for the use of the terms "fork" and "forks". In response, the claim has been amended to consistently use the term "fork". In view of the amendment, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Section 112 Rejection

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112. In response, claim 10 has been amended to correct the language to indicate that the second direction is opposite the first direction. In view of the amendment, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15 – 22 have been indicated as allowable. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Rejections based on Prior Art

In view of the allowance of claims 15 – 22, claims 1 and 10 has been amended to include the subject matter that was indicated as allowable, and specifically to clarify that a steering mechanism is mounted for access by an operator facing the first direction and operating the first operator control and to an operator facing the second direction and operating the second operator control. In view of these amendments, claims 1 – 4, 6 – 9, and 10 – 14 are considered to be in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.
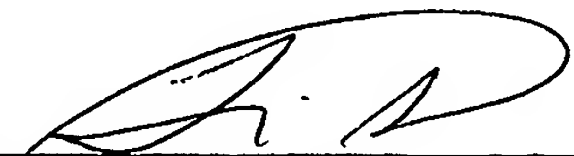
New claim 24 has been added, depending from claim 1 and including the subject matter of former claim 5. This claim is also considered to be in condition for allowance in view of its dependency on the parent claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 – 4, and 6 - 24 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued for these claims.

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